

COMMERCIAL.

TODAY.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Business still quiet all round. Banks are on offer at 155 per cent. premium, but no inclination has been evident on the part of buyers for some days past. A fair number of stocks have been placed at 35 and 37 for June, 36 and 37 for August, and 37 and 38 for September, and there is now a slight demand at 34. With the exception of some small transfers of Douglas Steam at 53, no other business has been reported.

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co's steamer *Sindh*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 10 a.m. on the 7th instant, and is due here on the 10th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American mail of 14th April, left Yokohama on the 5th instant, and is due here on or about the 11th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Line steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mails, left Vancouver on the 2nd instant, and is due here on or about the 11th.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Tapan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is expected here on or about the 9th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co's steamer *Risago*, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on the 9th.

The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Antenor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on the 9th.

The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and is due here on the 11th.

The 'Glen' Line steamer *Glenagles*, from London, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 11th.

The 'Shire' Line steamer *Monmouthshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here about the 11th.

The 'Union' Line steamer *Matilda*, from London, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and may be expected here on the 11th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Kashgar*, left Bombay on the 3rd instant, at daylight, and is expected here on the 20th.

Shipping.

MELBOURNE, French steamer, 3,847, Lequerré, 7th May, Shanghai 5th May, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,820, W. von Schuckmann, 7th May, Nagasaki 3rd May, General—Melchers & Co.

KHIVA, British steamer, 1,452, E. Crew, 8th May, Bombay 20th April, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DRACHENFELS, German steamer, 1,450, Carl A. Tarde, 8th May, Saigon 4th May, Rice and Paddy—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ANSHIN MARU, British steamer, 1,911, John G. Galichan, 8th May, Middlebrook 16th Feb, 1888, and from Canton.

HOIHOW, British steamer, 894, Cyles, 8th May, Swatow 7th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.
Snochoy, British steamer, for Hoihow.
Haitan, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Anshin Maru, Japanese steamer, for Hoihow.

Iphigénia, German steamer, for Singapore.
Danube, British steamer, for Haiphong.

DEPARTURE.
May 7, *Kwangle*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
May 8, *Hydaspes*, British str., for Nagasaki, &c.
May 8, *Iphigénia*, German steamer, for Singapore.

May 8, *Zambesi*, British str., for Kobe, &c.
May 8, *Ningbo*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
May 8, *Zafiro*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
May 8, *Devonhurst*, Dutch str., for Singapore.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Per *Melbourne*, str., from Shanghai—For Hongkong—Messrs. C. C. Pente, Amould, Duffell, Bone, L. Mendel, and J. Chene. From Yokohama—Dr. Thompson, Messrs. Kitana, Takamaka, and Otto Kouna-Kirsch. From Shanghai—For Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. Adia and child. For Port Said—Mr. Dalitio. For Alexandria—Mr. Belogolov and brother. For Marseilles—Mr. Bonabeau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mirabel, Messrs. Clark, S. Norris, Sattani, M. Fujise, de Nully, Cahill, R. Wilson, Jenkins, and Georges Loomans. From Yokohama—For Saigon—Mr. Lequeux. For Colombo—Lieut. McMahon. For Marseilles—Messrs. J. Cassa, Trollet, Digard, E. Haxe, Landers, and Peyse. From Kobe—For Saigon—Mr. Henry. For Singapore—Messrs. Fomoris, Yomono, Ito, and Iyengaga. For Marseilles—Mr. Vinis.

Per *General Werder*, str., from Nagasaki—For Hongkong—Mrs. H. Fitzgerald, and 20 Chinese. For Bremen—Mrs. Wehrmann and children, Captains T. Lee and Kuhn.

Per *Hoihow*, str., from Swatow—130 Chinese.
Per *Khiva*, str., from Bombay—Surgeon Massani and Mr. Herbst, and 93 Chinese.
Per *Drachenfels*, str., from Saigon—10 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.
Per *Hydaspes*, str., from Hongkong—For Nagasaki—Miss Otina Sang. For Kobe—Mr. and Miss F. M. B. Stuart, Mr. and Miss D. E. Caldwell, a Chinese and 1 Japanese. For Yokohama—Captain and Mrs. Stanley, Colonel and Mrs. Storey, Miss Hazelkirk, Dr. Scanlan, Colonel McNair, Major Curran, Lieut. Huntman, C. G. Flach, R. N., Messrs. F. H. Sawyer, C. L. Tenney, J. E. H. Walker, W. A. Chritchard, O. Rumsan, Audo, Hiyashe, 10 Chinese and 1 Japanese.

Per *Kwangle*, str., for Shanghai—100 Chinese.
Per *Zafiro*, str., for Amoy—3 Europeans and 110 Chinese.

REPORTS.
The British steamer *Hoihow* reports that she left Swatow on the 7th instant. Had light southerly wind and fine weather.

The German steamer *Drachenfels* reports that she left Saigon on the 4th instant. Had moderate south-south-east wind and fine clear weather throughout the whole voyage.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSURE.
For Swatow, Singapore, and Bangkok—Per *Devonhurst*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Singapore and Batavia—Per *Devonhurst*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow—Per *Haitan*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore—Per *Devonhurst*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 2.00 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila—Per *Din Yuan*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Europe, &c.—Per *Bayern*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 4.00 P.M.

For Shanghai—Per *Canton*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements—Per *Falkenberg*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 4.00 P.M.

For Bangkok—Per *Wuyuen*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 4.00 P.M.

For Saigon—Per *Cicero*, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 351, N. C. Reysbeck, 6th May, Pakhoi 3rd May, and Hoihow 5th, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

AGNES, British steamer, 2,070, J. Pinkham, 2nd May, Saigon 27th April, Rice and Paddy—Adamson, Bell & Co.

WASHINGTON, British steamer, 856, Reynell, 21st April, Saigon 16th April, Rice—Wieler & Co.

BATAVIA, British steamer, 1,661, W. H. Waiton, 6th May, Vancouver, Victoria, 5th April, Yokohama 26th, and Shanghai 2nd May, Flour—Adamson, Bell & Co.

BERNARDY, British steamer, 1,119, Le Bontillier, 2nd May, Saigon 28th April, Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BERNECKE, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,707, E. Perini, 3rd May, Trieste 18th March, and Singapore 26th April, General—Austro-Hungarian Lloyd S. N. Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, Bremher, 3rd May, Shanghai 29th April, and Swatow 2nd, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CARISBROOKE, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, 3rd May, Saigon 29th April, Rice and General—Morris and Ray.

CHINGTO, British steamer, 1,259, J. D. C. Arthur, 20th April, Sydney 10th April, Townsville 15th, Coktown 16th, and Thursday Island 19th, General—Butterfield & Swire.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 4th May, Saigon 29th April, Rice and Paddy—Adamson, Bell & Co.

DANUBIUS, British steamer, 564, F. W. Phillips, 3rd May, Haiphong 2nd May, General—A. R. Matly.

DEVANOWSE, British steamer, 1,057, Loff, 20th April, Bangkok 23rd April, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,180, Iversen, 4th May, Bangkok 28th April, General—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, José Marquez, 7th May, Manila 4th May, General—Brandão & Co.

FALKENBURG, German steamer, 989, W. Dreyer, 3rd May, Saigon 1st May, Rice—Melchers & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,117, A. Stopani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FEECHEU, Chinese steamer, 641, E. Piper, 7th May, Tamsui 5th May, Ballast—Sander & Co.

FUSHIKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,110, W. Thompson, 7th May, Kutchinotzu 2nd May, Coals—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

GLAMORGANSBURG, British steamer, 1,842, D. Davies, 5th May, Saigon 2nd May, Rice and Paddy—Adamson, Bell & Co.

GLENALLOCH, British steamer, 1,418, R. Connors, 6th May, Saigon 3rd May, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HAIKIAN, British steamer, 1,181, S. Ashton, 6th May, Foochow 3rd May, Amoy 4th, and Swatow 5th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

HEVER, German steamer, 383, B. Dellefens, 3rd May, Whampoa 3rd May, General—Siemssen & Co.

LYDIA, German steamer, 1,170, C. Petersen, 7th May, Hamburg 21st March, and Singapore 1st May, General—Siemssen & Co.

MARCIA, British steamer, 1,050, Geo. Pennick, 20th April, Nagasaki 25th April, Coals—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MONKID, British steamer, 860, Gen. Anderson, 6th May, Bangkok 30th April, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

MORAY, British steamer, 1,411, Wm. S. Duncan, 28th April, Singapore 22nd April, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

OCEANIC, British steamer, 3,808, Jno. Metcalfe, 1st May, San Francisco 7th April, and Yokohama 26th, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

PATHAN, British steamer, 1,763, Jas. Rowley, 3rd May, Saigon 30th April, Rice—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

SMIT, Dutch steamer, 821, Ruhaak, 7th May, Hio 3rd May, Sugar—Siemssen & Co.

SPOCHOW, British steamer, 327, T. Rowin, 7th May, Pakhoi 4th May, and Hoihow 6th, General—Kwong Tai Long.

TANNADICE, British steamer, 1,408, H. Craig, 7th May, Sydney 7th April, Rockhampton 11th, Townsville 16th, and Port Darwin 22nd, General and Coal—Russell & Co.

TEKATOS, German steamer, 1,860, Joh. Petersen, 5th May, Nagasaki 30th April, Coal—Takasima Colliery Co.

WYVERN, British steamer, 1,108, J. Brotherton, 3rd May, Bangkok 26th April, Rice—Tung Kee.

SAILING VESSELS.

ANNA WICHORST, German 3-m. schooner, 385, F. Breckwoldt, 5th May, Singapore 5th April, Timber—Wieler & Co.

ANTONETTE, British bark, 884, E. Th. Bunje, 30th April, New York 31st January, Kerosene Oil—Order.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, 1,422, J. M. Beggs, 27th Jan., New York 18th Sept., Kerosene Oil—Russell & Co.

COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,429, L. Haesloot, 11th April, Singapore 6th March, Timber—Siemssen & Co.

ERIKORNI, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

ESCORT, American bark, 637, R. G. Waterhouse, 5th May, Singapore 11th April, Timber—Gonsalves & Co.

F. H. DREWS, German steamer, 624, H. H. Rothbart, 15th April, Bangkok 6th March, Rice—Chinese.

H. FALKENBURG, German bark, 550, H. Abens, 17th April, Honolulu 5th March, General—Melchers & Co.

IRIS, British 3-m. schooner, 206, H. C. Swan, 25th April, Freemantle, W.A., 18th Feb., Saddlewood—Siemssen & Co.

LYNN, German bark, 651, T. K. Jans, 1st May, Hamburg 6th December, General—Siemssen & Co.

HAYDN BROWN, American ship, 842, C. H. Haynes, 30th April, Newcastle 3rd March, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

MOULT LEBANON, American bark, 530, Chas. H. Nelson, 17th April, Rajang, Borneo 18th March, Timber—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PACTOLUS, American ship, 1,144, H. D. Burnham, 20th April, Shanghai 11th April, Ballast—Pustat & Co.

PREHAF, British bark, 720, Geo. Parker, 31st March, Pileto 23rd March, Timber—Lane, Crawford & Co.

SEA SNAKE, British bark, 313, Meab, 7th May, Singapore 2nd April, Timber—General—Siemssen & Co.

YOUNG SLAM, Siam bark, 750, Kock, 26th April, Bangkok 24th March, General—Order.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Japan	Calcutta	May 9th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Antenor	Liverpool	May 9th	Butterfield & Swire.
Blisago	Genoa	May 10th	Butterfield & Swire.
Sindh	Marseilles	May 10th	Carlowitz & Co.
Genoa	London	May 10th	Messageries Maritimes.
City of Rio de Janeiro	San Francisco	May 11th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Manipal	London	May 11th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Monmouthshire	London	May 11th	Russell & Co.
Kashgar	London	May 11th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Parthia	Hombay	May 20th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
	Vancouver	May 31st	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, via Suez Canal	Achilles	Butterfield & Swire	May 10th.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Melbourne	Messageries Maritimes	May 10th, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Genoa, & Ports of Call.	Blisago	Carlowitz & Co.	May 18th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Herenice	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	May 10th, at noon.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Batavia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 15th, at 3 p.m.
New York, via Suez Canal	Stralheven	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 14th.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	May 10th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Chinnadice	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 19th, at 3 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Tannadice	Russell & Co.	May 12th, at 3 p.m.
Penang	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	May 12th, daylight.
Yokohama and Kobe	Ah Yon & Co.	Ah Yon & Co.	May 12th, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Nestor	Butterfield & Swire	May 11th.
Hoihow	Hoihow	Butterfield & Swire	May 10th.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Albany	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 14th.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Sindh	Messageries Maritimes	About May 10th.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Antenor	Butterfield & Swire	May 11th.
Manila, via Amoy	Don Juan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Haiphong	Danube	Brandão & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Singapore, Spore, Bangkok.	Yuen Fat Hong	A. R. Matly	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.
Coast Ports	Y. wongsoe	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
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sixth, Tycoon seventh, and Mr. Tell's pair last. Time 3 min. 34 sec.

THE TAVATTA CUP, value Tls. 100; presented by H. E. the Taoist; for China Ponies; weight, 12st. Winners at this Meeting 5lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

Messrs. Morgan & White's dun Silken Mead, Mr. Baker 1.
Mr. Sassoon's dun Sandpiper, Mr. Sassoon 2.
Mr. John Peel's gr. Bandsman, Mr. Hough 3.
Mr. Huxley's gr. Joker, Mr. Pond 4.
Mr. Tell's sp. Bernina, Mr. Meyerink 5.
Mr. Tell's gr. Piz Languard, Mr. Malherbe 6.
Bernina threw his rider and had a gallop on his own account, which delayed the start twenty minutes. When the flag eventually fell Sandpiper cut out the work, but Silken Mead was in front at the Monument and kept there to the finish, winning by three lengths, with Bandsman a bad third. Time 2 min. 43 seconds.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.
Rain fell slightly during the afternoon, but the weather was much better than on the two preceding days and the course was in far superior order. Capital racing was again the rule, and Harbinger's defeat in the Champions—odds of 13 to 2 were bet on him at the Lotteries the night before—was as much a mystery as some of the erratic performances of Mr. Sassoon's ponies in Hongkong. In the Shanghai Stakes Harbinger won by any number of lengths without being thoroughly extended; in the Champions he was never in the hunt, and could not even obtain a place. Results of the various events were as follows:—

THE LAUREL CUP, value Tls. 200; presented, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 100 each; second Pony to receive 10 per cent. of the third Pony to 10 per cent. of the Stakes; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 7lb. Winners, 7lb. extra. One Mile and a Half.
Mr. Triad's ch. Forerunner, 10st. 11lb. Mr. Hutchings 1.
Mr. John Peel's dun Orlando, 12st. 0lb. Mr. Hough 2.
Messrs. Morgan & White's dun Silken Mead, 11st. 8lb. Mr. Pond 3.
Mr. Sidney's gr. Artisan, 11st. 0lb. Mr. de Malherbe 4.
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Carole, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 5.
Mr. Sassoon's gr. May Blossom, 10st. 8lb. Mr. Sassoon 6.
Mr. Tell's dun Monte del Oro, 10st. 8lb. Mr. Rugg 7.
Mr. Tell's wh. Teedi, 10st. 8lb. Mr. Reynell 8.
Mr. Triad's ch. Precursor, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 9.
After a good finish Forerunner won very cleverly from Orlando, with Silken Mead a fair third. Time 3 min. 25 sec.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value Tls. 100; for ponies that have run at this Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this Meeting under a mile, 7lb. extra; two such races, 10lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven Furlongs.
Mr. John's dun Susewind, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ogle 1.
Mr. Sassoon's ch. Bullion, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 2.
Mr. Rodney's bay Grantham, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 3.
Mr. Mind's bay Rustic, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 4.
Mr. Huxley's bl. Tycoon, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 5.
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Councillor, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 6.
Mr. Ten Brock's gr. Wild Dash, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hutchings 7.
Mr. H. Sylva's ch. Atlantic, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 8.
Mr. Tell's gr. Mont Blanc, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Gove 9.
Mr. John Peel's gr. Honesty, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 10.
Susewind was made a warm favorite, and he easily beat Bullion by six lengths, Grantham a bad third. Time 1 min. 52 sec.

THE MANCHU STAKES, value Tls. 100; for China Ponies, bond fide. Griffins at date of entry, that have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Min's bay Reaper, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Baker 1.
Mr. Sassoon's bl. Hollyhook, 11st. Mr. Dallas 2.
Mr. Carr's bay Daigo, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ramsay 3.
Mr. Jenkins's gr. Sando, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Gande 4.
Mr. Huxley's gr. Cavalier, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Pond 5.
Mr. Umbria's gr. Badminton, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 6.
Mr. Rodet's dun Dyboot, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Read 7.
Mr. Tug's gr. Senegal, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hutchings 8.
Mr. Sassoon's dun Sandpiper, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Sassoon 9.
Mr. Sylva's bay Belgio, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 10.
Mr. Tell's sp. Bernina, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 11.
Mr. Triad's ch. Messenger, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Crawford 12.

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Mr. Min's bay Reaper, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Baker 1.
Mr. Sassoon's wh. Dolores, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Dallas 2.
Mr. J. D. Humphrey's dun Velocity, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Hart-Buck 3.
Mr. Godolphin's gr. Rialton, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hutchings 4.
Mr. James's bay Off Chance, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Gove 5.
Mr. Sassoon's gr. May Blossom, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Sassoon 6.
Mr. Sasa's gr. Wohlgenuth, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ramsay 7.
Mr. Tell's gr. St. Gothard, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Pond 8.
Mr. Tell's gr. Mont Bréant, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gande 9.
Mr. Chon's ch. Froelich, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Reynell 10.

Dolores was considered a dead certainty, but in a tremendous race home Reaper beat him by a head, Velocity finishing a good third. Time 2 min. 11 sec.

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Squeezor was a decided favorite, but he was never once prominent, Forester making the whole of the running and winning by three parts of a length from Leap Year, the Hongkong Derby winner coming with a tremendous rush at the finish. Monte Rosa was a good third.

THE CONSOLATION CUP, value Tls. 100; for Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 5. Once Round.

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Fair Sport, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Dallas 1.
Mr. Rodney's bay Grantham, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Meyerink 2.
Mr. John Peel's gr. Bandsman, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Hough 3.
Mr. Min's bay Rustic, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 4.
Mr. Huxley's bl. Tycoon, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Pond 5.
Mr. Weed's gr. Fra Diavolo, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Gande 6.
Mr. de Malherbe 7.
Mr. Sassoon's ch. Fontenoy, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Sassoon 8.
Mr. Ten Brock's gr. Wild Dash, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hutchings 9.
Mr. Alexander's gr. Battle-axe, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Hart-Buck 10.
Mr. Tell's gr. Rigi, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gande 11.
Mr. Chouffeur's bay Tartarin, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Reynell 12.

FAIR SPORT made all the running and won by two lengths, with Bandsman a bad third, Fontenoy fourth, and Rustic fifth. Time 2 min. 43 sec.

THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES, a forced entry for and open only to Winners at this Meeting; optional for the Winners of the Consolation Cup and the Roadsters' Plate, not exceeding 14 hands 3 inches in height, weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; winners of two Races, Tls. 15 extra; of more than two Races Tls. 40 extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. John's dun Susewind, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ogle 1.
Messrs. Morgan & White's dun Silken Mead, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Pond 2.
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Carole, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 3.
Mr. Triad's ch. Precursor, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Gove 4.
Mr. Sassoon's ch. Harbinger, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Dallas 5.
Mr. Toog's gr. Ganges, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hutchings 6.
Mr. Triad's ch. Forerunner, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Baker 7.
Harbinger's victory was regarded as a foregone conclusion, and odds were freely laid on him against the field. Susewind was sent to the front as soon as the flag fell, and after leading from start to finish passed the post over a length in front of Silken Mead, with Carole a bad third, Harbinger fourth, and Ganges and Forerunner close up. Time 2 min. 46 sec.

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE, value Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase at any previous Meeting in Shanghai, 5lb. extra. Non-Winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5lb. entrance, Tls. 5. Twice Round. A Course selected by the Stewards.
Mr. Ring's gr. Holborn, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Walker 1.
Mr. Dull's dun Juno, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Hart-Buck 2.
Mr. Cagley's bl. Othello, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Ramsay 3.
Mr. Weed's bl. Sentinel, 10st. 11lb. Mr. de Malherbe 4.
Won easily by several lengths; Othello a poor third. Sentinel came to grief.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

VIENNA, April 17th.
Accounts reach here that Russia's movements towards the Austrian frontier have been resumed.

MOSCOW, April 17th.
Dhuleep Singh has gone to live at Kieff.

SIMLA, April 17th.
A telegram from the Resident in Kashmir, dated 15th inst., reports the occurrence of 30 cases of cholera, 18 in Srinagar and the rest in different parts of the valley; the disease is said to be assuming a severe type as seven cases and three deaths were reported within 24 hours previous to the despatch of the message.

TORONTO, April 18th.
The Dominion House of Commons has passed the Fisheries treaty.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18th.
The Foreign Committee of the American Senate to which the Fisheries treaty was referred for report has resolved to recommend its rejection by the United States.

MANDALAY, April 18th.
A great wind blew here yesterday afternoon causing immense damage; four lives were lost, one coolie was killed by a sheet of galvanised iron, two men were killed by the collapse of a Phonyee Kyung, a government flat was lost, the Aphyonk was driven ashore, no news of the Cambay; Beasatid was blown down. The gale lasted two hours and was followed by thunder and rain; the barometer fell half an inch and the thermometer 22 degrees in half an hour. All business is suspended. Portions of the town are partially dismantled. The weather is cooler. The river is full of logs and rafts broken up; empty boats are drifting. It is feared there has been much loss. The mail steamer is supposed to have anchored below. The telegraph and telephone service is partially disorganised.

CAIRO, April 18th.
A Company of the Rifle Brigade starts for Assiut immediately owing to the activity of the Nile rebels.

LONDON, April 18th.
Mr. Dillon was arrested at Dublin yesterday; he was immediately conveyed to Drogheda and placed before the Magistrate on a charge of inciting non-payment of rent. After some evidence the case was ended until the 9th proximo, bail being accepted.

In the House of Commons last night Sir John Gorst in reply to a question said Her Majesty's Government had no reason to think that the action of the Chief Commissioner of Burma in dismissing the Burmese was a mistaken one, and consequently it was not their intention to interfere in the matter.

April 19th.
The House of Commons last evening read for a second time the Deceased Wife's Sisters' Bill by a majority of fifty-seven votes.

The freedom of the city of London was conferred on the Marquis of Hartington at Guildhall yesterday with the usual civic ceremonies.

PARIS, April 19th.
General Boulanger will take his seat as a member of the Department du Nord in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. Demonstrations are expected to take place and troops are in readiness.

TEHRAN, April 19th.
Sir Drummond Wolff, the newly-appointed British Minister here, arrived to-day.

PARIS, 19th, evening.
Crowds of citizens gathered to-day along the route taken by General Boulanger on his way to the Chamber of Deputies and they greeted him everywhere with acclamation. After the General had taken his seat in the Chamber, M. Floquet, the premier, challenged the house for a vote of confidence in the ministry, which was carried by a majority of two hundred. A resolution was subsequently moved to appoint a committee to revise the constitution and the same was adopted by a majority of one hundred and twenty-five votes.

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BUCHAREST, 19th April.
The agrarian agitation in Roumania is quieting down.

LONDON, 20th April.
The House of Lords passed the East India (purchase and construction of railway) bill enabling the Secretary of State to raise money for the purchase of the Oude, and Rohilkund railway and to enable the Secretary of State to borrow a sum of money, which would be a guarantee to the company.

CHATTOWNHURG, 20th April.
The official bulletin issued late last night regarding the condition of Emperor Frederick states that the breathing of his Imperial Majesty, which had become difficult from clogging of the tubes, was relieved in the evening yesterday owing to a copious discharge of pus through the canula. This indicates the formation of an abscess in the trachea. A bulletin issued this morning states that the Emperor passed a good night and had less fever.

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The committee of the Chamber of Deputies has reported in favour of authorizing the Panama Canal Company to issue a lottery loan of three hundred and forty million francs.

LONDON, 24th April.
In the House of Commons last night Mr. Gladstone brought forward an amendment in favour of equalizing death duties; after a protracted debate, the amendment was rejected by a majority of ninety-four votes.

AT TA LANG SHAN.

Ta Lang Shan is, like the jinricksha, a Missionary discovery. It is a plateau in an elevated valley, and the climate in the month of April recalls the Yorkshire moors or a spring day in Cumberland. In the morning one gets up to white mist over everything, and in the evening heavy mists settle down like a pall, covering first the distant hill tops, then shadowing the distant country, shining from under the veil all flecked with sun and shadow, finally settling down over everything visible. It is so high up, that one can wander and see the hills for hours without ever descending any distance to speak of. These hills are grown over with fir, azaleas only budding as yet, lovely white and purple violets, pea plantations, and in the hollows the inevitable paddy. It is just a little cheerless now when the winter grass has not yet disappeared, or the bamboos put on their summer bravery. But some three weeks later it must be delightful indeed, and one envies the possessors of the various foreign houses who can spend their summers here.

Six weeks ago, we are told, there were six feet of snow here, and the tea bushes which show many signs of having been touched up by the frost. We saw bushes to-day of which the owner said they were 70 or 80 years old, and others to which he assigned 30 years. They were growing into veritable hedges in some parts. And I could not help wondering what Indian cultivators would say to rows of tea bushes, interspersed among rows of rape, or, as was more common, among rows of barley, and with the valley all the way to the Chungking and the But then again we were told the tea would be very good this year because there had been so much snow. And Assam tea is, I believe, unassisted by snow. So probably there is a good deal of difference in the plants.

Here there is not a priest in the village, nor as it would seem a rosary. A young man, however, son of a village notable, of his own accord volunteered that the people were much too good to be so certain Missionary to him. However this may be, one man told us he was the only Christian in the place, and another that there was not one. Yet Missionaries have had houses here for six years, and frequented the place for nine.

The road from the Snowy Valley to Ta Lang Shan lies through a singularly beautiful ravine, full of bamboo groves with a bit like Scott's Enchanted Castle in the Valley of St. John, and fine trees, all the way a fresh running stream. In this valley the boys wear a curious kind of top boots, perhaps they should be called long stockings, for they put on straw sandals over them. But however this covering may be called, it reaches to the knee, where it is turned down in a deep fold, and it is made of human hair plaited together, and so coarse and rough as to give the boys the appearance of young bears. Throughout Chikling the men seem to wear a delightfully convenient basket pocket tied round their waists by a straw girdle and hanging down behind. In this they commonly carry a knife, a pipe, or wild flowers. But it will be the very thing, for luncheon, so I am delighted to have had one presented to me to-day by the head of a tea house, who took us to see his house. It had carved doors, and all one end of the guest room was carved by Fung Hwa men, five of whom he had in his employ. All the best Ningpo carving is done by men from this town. The house, projecting beyond the walls to support the roof outside, was so quaintly and interestingly carved, I could not help once again regretting that no one in Shanghai had tried to build a house that would be a *chef d'œuvre* of Chinese art, instead of a sort of imitation of something at home. A verandah

with such carved beams would be a thing of joy, far better than a dozen so-called curios patched about an European room. Chinese diet seems to have blinded people to the ever varying beauty of Chinese designs, which may be very simple, but are hardly ever otherwise than graceful, often very much so, and always appropriate to the part they serve to decorate. The most delightful thing in this house, however, was the scene in the rafters forming the ceiling of the greatest room; the swallows' nests, and to see the birds themselves swiftly darting in and out all the time of our visit, not the least alarmed at the people round about. The Chinese are very fond of having birds' nests in their houses, and this giving the winged creatures free shelter seems far preferable to having them in cages.

The difficulty of obtaining houses away from the Treaty Ports has been satisfactorily solved here, the foreigners advancing to the landowner money to build a house, and then renting it of him, the principal being thus gradually paid off out of the rent. Meanwhile the house has to be kept in repair by the owner. There are four foreign houses here, situated some distance apart, and all commanding extensive views, three belonging to Ningpo Missionaries, and one to the Commissioner of Customs there. The air seems far fresher and healthier than that of the Snowy Valley, but the latter has far more "sights" to tempt the traveller, being surrounded by cliffs and waterfalls, and rich also in flowers and singing birds. One of the features in the accommodation provided by the priests at Shih-dow-see is the book where, unlike most travellers' books, each traveller seems to have tried to write something worth the reading. There are notes by Dr. Macgowan giving some little account of the history of the place. Sir Walter Medhurst has written careful advice to what walks to take, and in what order, though this seems to matter less, where all the surroundings are lovely. Some one has given a list of the birds. None so far of the flowers. Mr. Ernest Major has selected a legend of a great exterminator of mankind, who tried to slay one of the priests, but the priest lifted his finger and the sword would not cut, so the exterminator, repented of his misdeeds, and endowed the monastery. Mr. Fryer has added his quatum, especially noting that the two splendid trees at the entrance are specimens of *Salsburgia Adiantifolium*. But perhaps the wildest entry is among the last:—

Of advice above given in brief he's the gist.
(In climbing the Perilous Path you persist,
We recommend a Kicker (should you wish),
For though for there he may, yet the way may be mist,
And no doubt—though this need not be news that applies—
In Shih-dow-see most commonly *trick* leads to falls.
While as to the steps, which you see everywhere,
Down the vales, up the cliffs, why they just make our stride.

Signed, E. & R. S. YORKE.

I have been transported in many curious fashions, but I certainly never expected to be carried all-day in a clothes-basket, dangling from a bamboo pole, as I was from Snowy Valley here, to the tea house, the scene of our first hill region. Our journey took longer than it should have, I think, ten hours with only half an hour's rest for luncheon. We had to pay two dollars each chair, and sixty cents for each baggage carrier. The men seemed greatly to enjoy themselves.—*N. C. Daily News.*

SEOUL.

20th April 1888.
The Korean Mint has now reached one of the last stages towards completion. On the 18th of April it was got up for the first time, the whole system of seventeen different machines were in motion, and their working was found to be a perfect success. Considering that the entire internal arrangements, from first to last, have solely been managed by the two foreign engineers, Messrs. Riedt and Dietrich, no little praise is due to these two gentlemen for the successful task in which they have accomplished their task.

Messrs. Appenteller and Underwood, American Missionaries, left on the 15th for a three months' trip to the country to propagate the gospel, and a scientific expedition under distinguished leadership is about to proceed north, to discover the sources of the Tumpu and Yaloo rivers. Another expedition has started in quest of "Corea's mineral wealth," and we trust this expedition may meet more success than similar ones in former years.

The construction of the Seoul-Fusan telegraph line is now being pushed on vigorously from both ends, and it is said will be completed in three (3) months. For the "herculean task" of organising the Korean army, three American officers arrived here lately, (on altogether four) the senior and head of which is the celebrated General Hannibal Dye. A fire broke out lately inside the Palace walls and was only subdued after having consumed several official residences. Mrs. Kraus and family are about to leave Corea for Europe, *via* America, and we wish her *bon voyage*. Spring is setting in, and lawn tennis is in full swing in Chong doo.—*Spectator* in *N. C. Daily News.*

PEKING.

Peking, April 28th, 1888.
Few places in the Far East witness such a change of residents as the capital of the Celestial Empire. In the spring every year a number of persons leave either for other parts or for Europe and America; this year the number is unusually large. The American Legation will soon be nearly depopulated, Mr. and Mrs. Rockhill having left some time ago, and Mrs. and Miss Dene being on the eve of departure. The French Legation is in the same predicament. Dr. and Mme. Mirabel leave Shanghai by

